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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL MEETING, OCT 15, HIGHLIGHTS

1. SUMMARY. IN AN INTENSIVE SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS IN LUXEMBOURG ON OCTOBER 15, THE EC COUNCIL (FOREIGN MINISTERS) REVIEWED EC ENERGY POLICY AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE IEP AND DEALT WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT EXTERNAL RELATIONS PROBLEMS AND ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS. THE MINISTERS ALSO HELD A
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POLITICAL COOPERATION MEETING FOLLOWING THE REGULAR COUNCIL

SESSION. ENERGY, POLITICAL COOPERATION AND TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS ARE REPORTED BY SEPTTEL. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS ON THE ITEMS. END SUMMARY.

2. EC/CANADA: CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS OF SOME OBSERVERS, THE COUNCIL DID NOT DECIDE IN PRINCIPLE ON THE NEED OR DESIRABILITY OF A TRADE AGREEMENT OR "CONTRACTUAL LINKS" BETWEEN CANADA AND THE COMMUNITY. FRANCE HELD OUT ON GROUNDS THAT THE COMMUNITY MUST HAVE A MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONTENT OF SUCH LINKS BEFORE IT COULD TAKE A POSITION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNCIL AGREED TO A JOINT STATEMENT FOR TRUDEAU'S BRUSSELS VISIT OCTOBER 23-24 THAT REFERS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF STRENGTHENING TIES BETWEEN CANADA AND THE COMMUNITY IN A MANNER TO BE NEGOTIATED IN THE FUTURE. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE REFERENCE TO FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS WAS PUT IN AT DUTCH INSISTENCE TO HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR SOME KIND OF EC-CANADA AGREEMENT IN THE FUTURE.

3. UK RE-NEGOTIATION: UK RENOGOTIATION AS SUCH WAS NOT DISCUSSED IN THE COUNCIL MEETING. ORTOLI, HOWEVER, DID ANNOUNCE THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD FINISH ITS "INVENTORY" CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL BURDENS IMPOSED ON MEMBER STATES IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY BUDGET WITHIN TWO WEEKS. THUS, THIS DOSSIER SHOULD BE READY FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN ON NOVEMBER 11. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL, BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN (WHO ARRIVED DIRECTLY FROM A CABINET MEETING IN LONDON) SAID HE WAS PLEASED THAT, FOLLOWING THE BRITISH ELECTION, RENOGOTIATION EFFORTS COULD BE RESUMED. HE WELCOMED ORTOLI'S STATEMENT ON THE "INVENTORY." CALLAGHAN SAID HE HOPED THAT THIS PARTICULAR SEGMENT OF THE RENOGOTIATION EFFORT WOULD BE WRAPPED UP BY THE END OF THE YEAR AND THAT HE ANTICIPATED BEING ABLE TO PRESENT THE ENTIRE PACKAGE TO A LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE "IN EARLY SPRING."

4. RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES: THE EC COMMISSION INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMISSION'S INTENT TO GIVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE SOON TO THE INVITATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMECON. HANNAY, SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET, TOLD US IT HAD STILL NOT BEEN DECIDED WHICH COMMISSIONER, ORTOLI OR SOAMES, WOULD MAKE THE TRIP TO MOSCOW BUT THAT THE COMMISSION INTENDED TO PROPOSE THAT PRELIMINARY TALKS -- AT THE DIRECTOR GENERAL LEVEL--TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING.

5. THE COUNCIL REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF PERMENENT

REPRESENTATIVES (COREPER) THE QUESTION OF A GENERAL SCHEME OR NEGOTIATING MODEL TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE COMMISSION WHEN IT TAKES OVER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH STATE TRADING COUNTRIES AFTER JANUARY 1, 1975. (EC BRUSSELS 5881). THE FRENCH HAVE REPORTEDLY LIFTED THEIR RESERVATIONS AND AGREED TO HAVE THE COMMISSION NEGOTIATE WITH THE GDR ON BEHALF OF ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXCEPT THE FRG. STILL TO BE RESOLVED, HOWEVER, IS THE QUESTION OF INCLUSION OF PRC IN THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY.

6. NEGOTIATIONS WITH PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH AND SRI LANKA: THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZED THE COMMISSION TO OPEN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING COMMERCIAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS SIMILAR TO THAT RECENTLY SIGNED WITH INDIA.

7. WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE: THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY PREPARATIONS FOR THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE WAS CURTAILED BY THE LENGTH OF TIME SPENT ON OTHER SUBJECTS. HOWEVER, GENERAL GUIDELINES WERE WORKED OUT WHICH ARE TO BE REFINED AND ADOPTED AT AN EC CAUCUS PLANNED TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE ROME MEETING.

8. RELATIONS WITH IRAN: THE GERMAN AND DANISH FOREIGN MINISTERS URGED THAT THE COMMUNITY TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO NEGOTIATE A PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH IRAN. OTHER MEMBER STATES, HOWEVER, NOTED THAT IRAN REPRESENTED A SPECIAL CASE WHICH FITTED INTO NEITHER THE GLOBAL MEDITERRANEAN POLICY OR THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES POINTED OUT THAT ANY PREFERENTIAL ACCORD WOULD BE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS WHICH THE COMMUNITY HAD MADE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO THE U.S. THE COREPER WILL CONSIDER THE MATTER FURTHER, ON A PRIORITY BASIS, SO THAT THE SUBJECT MAY BE DISCUSSED AT THE NEXT FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL.

9. EC/ACP NEGOTIATIONS: THE COUNCIL WAS BRIEFED ON THE STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND ADOPTED SUPPLEMENTARY MANDATES CONCERNING INSTITUTIONS FOR THE NEW ASSOCIATION AND THE STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS SCHEME. THE COUNCIL ALSO STRESSED ITS DESIRE TO KEEP THE ACP NEGOTIATIONS ON SCHEDULE. THE FRENCH, AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, WERE AUTHORIZED TO SUGGEST TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACP GROUP THE HOLDING OF A MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS IN NOVEMBER.

10. THE NEXT COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IS SCHEDULED

FOR NOVEMBER 11 IN BRUSSELS.GREENWALD

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